for the balance after time extending the original pass if necessary.

(e) The transport rules in force and the circular orders of the Conservator of Forests do not allow the same.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—The answer to (c) (3) and (a) (4) will show that the time granted was 9 1/2 and 18 days in 1102 and 1103 respectively and the average number of days allowed for transit were 2.5, 2.5 and 1. So in 1104 less than a day was allowed, as the time originally granted was 1 day.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—It is only the average.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Is there any complaint that the time allowed for these passes is too short generally?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—There is no general complaint.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Was there not a proposal even in 1924 that these B. form passes should be changed, and were not criticisms also invited by the Government to change the conditions of the B. form passes?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I don't remember.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—If the President permits me to speak, for the information of the House I may say that in 1924 criticisms were invited and I sent some and I brought it to the notice of the House during successive budget meetings. The Secretary to the Diwan, Mr. Vengu Ayyar, said that Government had not properly considered about it and that it would be published soon. It is two years now. I was one to send the criticisms invited by the Department even in 1924.

President.—Is it under consideration now?

Dr. A. G. Menon.—It was stated then that it was with the Government and not with the Conservator.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—I am not sure. It is still there.

President.—This is a matter to be urgently disposed of. Please attend to it.

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—Yes, Sir.

Felling, collection, etc., of timber.

97. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) when the tender was invited on 8th Mithunam 1103 for the felling, collection and loading of the teak and rose-wood trees in D1, D3, D11, D4, D6, and D10 coupes and behind C1 coupe, were all the trees marked; (b) what was the reply given to the Diwan by the Conservator of Forests when the former asked for the marking list; (c) from where did the Conservator

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get the marking list, (d) was it furnished by the D. F. O., the Forester or the Guard or was it done by himself ; (e) the quantity collected and measured from each coupe according to the contracts given ;

(2) were the trees felled from the Governor Madhom site in Parambikulam originally included in the marking list ; (b) if it is not included, how was it allowed to be felled; (c) how much amount had to be spent for the collection of these, and (d) what were the collection charges paid;

(3) (a) had the Conservator issued any orders in deviation to the first tender notification for the collection of the balance quantity to make up the 9,000 candies estimated for in the budget from different coupes; (b) if so, why such a deviation was made; (c) will the Government be pleased to place a copy of the order on the Table of the House;

(4) (a) would not the original marking list yield the estimated quantity of 9,000 candies of timber from the different coupes ; (b) had any excess amount to be spent by the Conservator's new arrangements; (c) has the Conservator of Forests obtained the sanction of the Government for this change; (d) if so, will a copy of the same be placed on the Table of the House; (e) will not this deviation be an obstacle to the proposals of the Special Reconnoitring Officer and upset his future programme for the working of the Tramway ; (f) was the Special Officer informed of this deviation ?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—(1) (a). Yes.

(b) The Diwan did not call for any marking list as the Member presumes, but the list was submitted by the Conservator of Forests in answer to question No. 25 Kanni session of 104.

(c) From the Forester in charge of the locality.

(d) Please see answer to sub-division (c) above.

(e) The quantity collected and measured according to the contracts are as follows:—

D6 and D10 coupes.—768—22—6-12 3/4 candies of teak and rosewood.

D1, D3, D4 and D11.—5,672—16—11—4 candies of teak.

Areas behind C1 coupe.—2,647—16—9—2 1/2 candies of teak.

(2) (a) Yes.

(b) Does not arise in view of answer to sub-division (a) above.

(c) Fifteen logs of candies 143—1—4—3 at the rate of Rs. 5-10-0 per candy amounting to Rs. 804-10-0 was paid.

(d) Please see answer to sub-division (c) above.

(3) (a). No.

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(b) and (c). Do not arise in view of answer to sub-division (a).

(4) (a). Yes.

(b) to (f). There was no deviation from the tender notification and there was therefore no new arrangement as presumed by the Member; neither any excess amount had to be spent.

Action taken against the Assistant Engineer.

98. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the action taken against the Assistant Engineer for having submitted the completion report of the canal referred to in question No. 268 of the Legislative Session of 1104 ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—The matter has not been finally disposed of.

Article in the Chitrabhanu containing allegations against the Forest Department.

99. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to state what is the action taken in the matter referred to in the answer to question No. 206 (b) of the Budget Session of 1104?

Mr. K. Ramunni Menon.—The matter is still under correspondence.

Foreshore improvements.

100. **Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.**—Will the Government be pleased to state the main items of expenditure proposed in connection with the improvements to be effected near the foreshore, Ernakulam, and the expansion and dimension of roads, etc., on the western side of the Huzur Office, College, etc.,

(b) the budget provision from which the amounts are being spent;

(c) the names of tenderers with their rates and the names of the contractors ?

Mr. M. D. Narayana Ayyar.—(a) (1). Realignment and improvement of the main road from the Christian Hostel up to the Krishna Vilas, opening up a Park, putting up electric lights, improving the Huzur jetty and repairing the revetment wall on the foreshore.

(b) There is no budget provision for any except for improving the Huzur jetty, please vide B. I. No. 299 of P. W. D. budget.

(c) No tenders were called for. All these works were entrusted to the contractor, Mr. S. Sitarama Ayyar, at estimated rates.

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